

Proposed Draft Bill for Karst to Be Added to Comprehensive Plan
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SENATE BILL/HOUSE BILL NO. _____

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.4, relating to regulation of development in karst.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.4, as follows:

§ 15.2-2223.4. Comprehensive plan to include karst area guidance.

Beginning in July 1, 2021, any locality in the "Karst Area", as identified on the website operated and maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, shall incorporate the guidance developed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation into the next scheduled review of its comprehensive plan. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall provide technical assistance to any such locality upon request.